



**Essential Educators: Teachers and Parents Views on COVID-19
Americans' Views on How the News Media Covers Teachers**

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Representative surveys of U.S. adults

Fielded November 11 – December 1, 2020

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The survey results below appear in the Public Agenda reports “Essential Educators: Teacher and Parent Views on COVID-19,” and “Americans’ Views of How the News Media Covers Teachers,” which summarize findings from a nationally representative survey of 3,130 adult Americans 18 years and older, excluding private school teachers. The survey was fielded November 11 – December 1, 2020 by NORC at the University of Chicago.

The sample includes 2,684 respondents who were randomly sampled from NORC’s probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, of whom 256 were K-12 public school teachers, including charter school teachers. Interviews were conducted online and over the phone, with 2548 completing via the web and 136 completing via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Another 446 K-12 public school teachers, including charter school teachers, were sampled from Lucid, a non-probability opt-in panel. The Lucid sample included 295 Black and Latino teachers. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference, online only.

Respondents completed the survey in English or Spanish. The general public sample was demographically weighted to the 2020 Current Population Survey and the teacher sample was weighted to the 2017-18 National Teacher and Principal Survey.

For questions about this research, please email research@publicagenda.org.

A survey of Americans (ages 18+)
Interview dates: November 11-December 1, 2020

Number of interviews: N=3,130

Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

Number of interviews: public and charter school K-12 teachers N=702

Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Number of interviews: parents or guardians of children who are currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade N=706

Margin of error: +/- 5.1 percentage point at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

Q1. Are you currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school or not?

	Total (N=3,130)	Teachers (N=702)	Parents (N=706)
Yes	1%	100%	0%
No	99%	0%	100%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-	-	-

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q1A. Which type of K-12 school are you primarily employed by?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Traditional public school	NA	92%	NA
Charter school	NA	8%	NA
Private and religious school	NA	0%	NA
Homeschool, pod or micro-school that is independent of any other educational institution	NA	0%	NA
Other	NA	0%	NA
Don't know	NA	0%	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	-	NA

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q2T. How much, if at all, do you feel your community values you as a teacher?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A great deal	NA	13%	NA
A good amount	NA	43%	NA
Just some	NA	28%	NA
A little	NA	13%	NA
Not at all	NA	2%	NA
Don't know	NA	0%	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	-	NA

Show if not currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q2G. How much, if at all, do you feel your community values teachers?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A great deal	22%	NA	23%
A good amount	49%	NA	48%
Just some	19%	NA	18%
A little	7%	NA	8%
Not at all	2%	NA	3%
Don't know	0%	NA	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-	NA	-

Q3. Would you like to have a child of yours take up teaching in the public schools as a career?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	56%	52%	60%
No	43%	48%	40%
Don't know	1%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about K-12 public school teachers?
 [GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

a. If a teacher doesn't like their job, they should quit rather than complain

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	22%	13%	26%
Somewhat agree	29%	26%	30%
Somewhat disagree	25%	35%	25%
Strongly disagree	19%	23%	16%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

b. Teachers are heroes who work hard but get little recognition

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	50%	64%	53%
Somewhat agree	35%	31%	33%
Somewhat disagree	9%	3%	10%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

c. Teachers are skilled professionals who deserve respect

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	70%	85%	72%
Somewhat agree	23%	12%	21%
Somewhat disagree	3%	2%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	3%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

d. Women are naturally better suited than men for the teaching profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	4%	4%	5%
Somewhat agree	15%	13%	18%
Somewhat disagree	32%	31%	30%
Strongly disagree	40%	49%	38%
Don't know	9%	3%	9%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

e. Teachers are not really important because students can learn everything online

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	2%	2%	4%
Somewhat agree	4%	4%	5%
Somewhat disagree	18%	6%	17%
Strongly disagree	74%	88%	73%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

f. Teachers should be paid as much as doctors or lawyers

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	19%	40%	23%
Somewhat agree	33%	39%	33%
Somewhat disagree	28%	15%	26%
Strongly disagree	17%	4%	15%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

g. No matter what issues students face, such as poverty or behavioral problems, teachers should be held accountable for all students' academic achievement

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	9%	7%	11%
Somewhat agree	24%	24%	25%
Somewhat disagree	38%	32%	38%
Strongly disagree	26%	36%	24%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

h. When teachers go on strike or walkout, it is usually for a good reason

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	35%	51%	35%
Somewhat agree	40%	34%	41%
Somewhat disagree	13%	9%	11%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	6%
Don't know	7%	3%	7%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

i. When teachers go on strike or walkout, it is usually worth the disruption that it causes to students and families

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	17%	31%	20%
Somewhat agree	33%	30%	33%
Somewhat disagree	25%	22%	24%
Strongly disagree	16%	10%	14%
Don't know	9%	7%	9%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q5: Which two of the following do you think would make the biggest difference to improving your community's K-12 public schools?

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

a. Firing teachers whose students do poorly on standardized tests

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	4%	2%	5%
No	96%	98%	95%

b. Recruiting more Black, Latino and Asian people into the teaching profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	8%	9%	7%
No	92%	91%	93%

c. Letting teachers have more control over their lesson plans so they can adapt to students' needs

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	33%	22%	33%
No	67%	78%	67%

d. Providing teachers with more opportunities for training to help them learn and develop in their profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	20%	10%	21%
No	80%	90%	79%

e. Paying teachers more

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	37%	51%	39%
No	63%	49%	61%

f. Reducing class size

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	30%	46%	31%
No	70%	54%	69%

g. Making sure every school has enough support staff, such as social workers, guidance counselors and nurses so that teachers do not need to play those roles

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	45%	43%	43%
No	55%	57%	57%

h. Making sure teachers and administrators work together toward a shared vision of their school

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	17%	14%	16%
No	83%	86%	84%

Q6. How closely do you pay attention to stories about K-12 education in the news media, such as in newspapers, on television news, or on the radio, whether online, print or broadcast?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Extremely closely	6%	22%	9%
Very closely	14%	30%	18%
Somewhat closely	41%	41%	43%
Not too closely	30%	5%	24%
Not closely at all	10%	2%	6%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

Q7. In general, are most of the stories about K-12 public school teachers that you see in the news media...

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Positive	34%	31%	34%
Negative	16%	31%	14%
Neither positive nor negative	31%	33%	33%
Don't know	18%	5%	18%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q8. Would you like the news media to cover more good things that K-12 public school teachers are doing or not?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	71%	83%	74%
No	5%	3%	3%
It wouldn't matter to me	23%	14%	22%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	-	1%

Q9. How important is it for the news media to cover each of the following topics about K-12 public school teachers:

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

a. How teachers teach students and what they teach them

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	51%	46%	52%
Somewhat important	34%	40%	35%
Not too important	8%	10%	9%
Not important at all	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	*

b. How teachers are trained and develop their professional skills

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	45%	45%	44%
Somewhat important	36%	37%	37%
Not too important	12%	14%	14%
Not important at all	3%	4%	2%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

c. How issues like student poverty and behavioral problems affect teaching and learning

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	53%	69%	50%
Somewhat important	34%	26%	37%
Not too important	7%	3%	7%
Not important at all	2%	0%	2%
Don't know	4%	1%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	-	1%

d. Whether or not teachers have sufficient teaching supplies and materials

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	59%	69%	57%
Somewhat important	30%	24%	32%
Not too important	5%	5%	6%
Not important at all	2%	1%	3%
Don't know	3%	0%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	*

e. Teachers' salaries and benefits

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	40%	46%	41%
Somewhat important	38%	35%	35%
Not too important	14%	12%	17%
Not important at all	4%	3%	5%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	1%	1%

f. Teacher strikes and walkouts

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	40%	38%	42%
Somewhat important	40%	44%	38%
Not too important	11%	11%	11%
Not important at all	4%	4%	4%
Don't know	4%	2%	5%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

g. Whether or not there is enough diversity in the teaching profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	28%	30%	29%
Somewhat important	35%	41%	32%
Not too important	19%	18%	21%
Not important at all	12%	8%	13%
Don't know	6%	3%	5%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	1%	*

h. Whether or not there are enough trained teachers to fill open teaching jobs at all schools

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	56%	59%	56%
Somewhat important	34%	33%	33%
Not too important	5%	6%	6%
Not important at all	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	4%	1%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

i. How schools decide if teachers are effectively helping students learn

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	48%	36%	51%
Somewhat important	39%	44%	39%
Not too important	6%	14%	5%
Not important at all	3%	3%	2%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

j. Teachers breaking laws such as sexual misconduct, drug use or tampering with student test scores

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	64%	44%	64%
Somewhat important	23%	37%	23%
Not too important	6%	14%	6%
Not important at all	3%	2%	3%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	1%

k. Teachers' roles in school sports and extracurricular activities or teachers helping communities

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	28%	36%	30%
Somewhat important	43%	44%	42%
Not too important	20%	15%	21%
Not important at all	4%	3%	4%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

l. How teachers deal with gun violence and weapons in school

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Very important	54%	41%	52%
Somewhat important	30%	40%	29%
Not too important	10%	14%	11%
Not important at all	3%	2%	5%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q10. Which two of the following topics about K-12 public school teachers would you personally be most interested in reading more about in the news media?

[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

a. How teachers teach students and what they teach them

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	28%	21%	30%
No	72%	79%	70%

b. How teachers are trained and develop their professional skills

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	14%	11%	12%
No	86%	89%	88%

c. How issues like student poverty and behavioral problems affect teaching and learning

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	27%	53%	27%
No	73%	47%	73%

d. Whether or not teachers have sufficient teaching supplies and materials

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	19%	26%	17%
No	81%	74%	83%

e. Teachers' salaries and benefits

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	14%	22%	16%
No	86%	78%	84%

f. Teacher strikes and walkouts

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	8%	6%	8%
No	92%	94%	92%

g. Whether or not there is enough diversity in the teaching profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	6%	7%	5%
No	94%	93%	95%

h. Whether or not there are enough trained teachers to fill open teaching jobs at all schools

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	18%	18%	17%
No	82%	82%	83%

i. How schools decide if teachers are effectively helping students learn

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	19%	12%	20%
No	81%	88%	80%

j. Teachers breaking laws such as sexual misconduct, drug use or tampering with student test scores

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	23%	7%	25%
No	77%	93%	75%

k. Teachers' roles in school sports and extracurricular activities or teachers helping communities

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	7%	8%	8%
No	93%	92%	92%

l. How teachers deal with gun violence and weapons in school

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	13%	7%	10%
No	87%	93%	90%

Q11. How much impact do you think the news media has on each of the following:
[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

a. How many people decide to pursue careers as K-12 public school teachers

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A lot	19%	23%	20%
Some	38%	41%	34%
A little	23%	26%	25%
None at all	11%	7%	11%
Don't know	9%	2%	10%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

b. How much communities value K-12 public school teachers

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A lot	33%	41%	32%
Some	38%	38%	39%
A little	17%	17%	16%
None at all	5%	2%	5%
Don't know	6%	2%	8%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

c. How K-12 public school teachers feel about their jobs

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A lot	23%	20%	26%
Some	38%	45%	35%
A little	21%	24%	19%
None at all	9%	9%	10%
Don't know	9%	2%	10%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

d. Government policies that affect K-12 public school teachers

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A lot	31%	34%	35%
Some	36%	43%	34%
A little	18%	17%	17%
None at all	6%	4%	6%
Don't know	8%	2%	8%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q12. Do you think your community values K-12 public school teachers more now than before the COVID-19 pandemic, less now than before the COVID-19 pandemic, or does your community value them the same amount as before the COVID-19 pandemic?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
A lot more	28%	19%	31%
A little more	29%	38%	27%
The same amount	26%	24%	27%
A little less	8%	12%	7%
A lot less	3%	5%	3%
Don't know	6%	1%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about K-12 public school teachers?
[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

a. Teachers are putting their lives and their families' lives in danger if they have to teach in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	43%	50%	40%
Somewhat agree	30%	33%	29%
Somewhat disagree	15%	10%	16%
Strongly disagree	7%	3%	11%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

b. During the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have complained too much about going back into the classroom

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	12%	9%	14%
Somewhat agree	19%	22%	20%
Somewhat disagree	25%	22%	23%
Strongly disagree	29%	43%	28%
Don't know	15%	4%	15%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

c. Despite the risk of COVID-19, teachers should hold in-person classes so that parents can get back to work

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	13%	10%	14%
Somewhat agree	25%	30%	25%
Somewhat disagree	26%	25%	27%
Strongly disagree	29%	33%	25%
Don't know	7%	3%	8%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	-	1%

d. Despite the risk of COVID-19, teachers should hold in-person classes since that is the best way for students to learn

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	15%	15%	20%
Somewhat agree	26%	31%	30%
Somewhat disagree	25%	21%	23%
Strongly disagree	26%	30%	20%
Don't know	7%	2%	7%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	*

e. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that parents can easily take on the roles of teachers and ensure that their children get a good education

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	7%	6%	10%
Somewhat agree	18%	11%	21%
Somewhat disagree	28%	17%	27%
Strongly disagree	41%	64%	37%
Don't know	5%	1%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	-

f. The COVID-19 pandemic will make it more difficult to recruit new teachers to join the teaching profession

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	21%	36%	23%
Somewhat agree	41%	42%	39%
Somewhat disagree	18%	11%	19%
Strongly disagree	6%	4%	6%
Don't know	14%	7%	13%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

g. Once a COVID-19 vaccine is available, all teachers and students should be required to be vaccinated if they want to have in-person classes

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	33%	30%	21%
Somewhat agree	25%	28%	23%
Somewhat disagree	14%	14%	19%
Strongly disagree	19%	23%	28%
Don't know	8%	5%	8%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	-

h. Teachers should be able to decide whether to teach online or in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Strongly agree	31%	41%	32%
Somewhat agree	34%	38%	34%
Somewhat disagree	19%	16%	18%
Strongly disagree	10%	3%	9%
Don't know	6%	2%	7%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q14. How important is it for K-12 public schools to do each of the following during this school year?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

a. Ensure that teachers have the resources they need to help students who have fallen behind academically because of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	77%	83%	76%
Important but not essential	15%	14%	14%
Not important at all	3%	2%	5%
Don't know	4%	1%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	1%

b. Ensure that teachers have the resources they need to help students who are struggling socially and emotionally because of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	71%	83%	72%
Important but not essential	21%	14%	20%
Not important at all	4%	1%	4%
Don't know	4%	1%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	-

c. Ensure that teachers have the resources they need if they themselves are struggling socially and emotionally because of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	69%	76%	69%
Important but not essential	22%	20%	21%
Not important at all	4%	2%	5%
Don't know	5%	2%	4%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

d. Suspend all standardized tests so teachers have time to help students who have fallen behind academically because of the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	40%	58%	44%
Important but not essential	40%	35%	40%
Not important at all	9%	5%	7%
Don't know	10%	2%	9%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

e. If teachers are required to teach online because of the COVID-19 pandemic, provide them with training and support to do it effectively

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	81%	86%	80%
Important but not essential	13%	9%	13%
Not important at all	3%	2%	4%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1%	*

f. If teachers are required to teach online because of the COVID-19 pandemic, provide equipment and technology to those teachers who need it

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Absolutely essential	81%	89%	80%
Important but not essential	11%	8%	12%
Not important at all	3%	1%	5%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Q15: Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of news?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
National newspapers, online or in print	9%	15%	7%
Local newspapers, online or in print	8%	7%	9%
Local television news, online or broadcast	21%	21%	23%
National television news networks, such as ABC, CBS, or NBC, online or broadcast	19%	20%	17%
Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC, online or broadcast	17%	14%	15%
Public radio or public television such as PBS or NPR, online or broadcast	7%	9%	8%
Online-only news sites, such as Huffington Post, BuzzFeed, or Breitbart	9%	8%	11%
Something else	9%	5%	9%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	-	2%

Q16. Do you consider yourself a:
[RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Republican	27%	31%	28%
Democrat	37%	42%	33%
Independent	24%	20%	24%
Another party	1%	1%	3%
No preference	11%	6%	12%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*

Show if not Republican or Democrat.

Q16A. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total (n=1,067)	Teachers (n=194)	Parents (n=262)
Lean Democrat	36%	41%	32%
Lean Republican	29%	26%	30%
Don't lean	34%	33%	38%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1%	-	1%

Show if not currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q17. Are you the parent or guardian of any children who are currently in kindergarten through 12th grade?

	Total (n=2,428)	Teachers	Parents (N=706)
Yes	30%	NA	100%
No	70%	NA	-
Don't know	0%	NA	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	NA	-

Show if not currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school, but are parent or guardian of any children currently in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Q17A. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, are any of your children currently enrolled in school entirely online or in a mix of online and in-person classes?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	NA	NA	78%
No	NA	NA	22%
Don't know	NA	NA	0%
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	NA	*

Show if not currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school, but are parent or guardian of any children currently in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Q17B. Regardless of whether they are learning online or in-person, which of the following types of K-12 schools are any of your children enrolled in? Select all that apply.

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Traditional public school	NA	NA	77%
Charter school	NA	NA	9%
Private or religious school	NA	NA	8%
Homeschool, pod or micro-school that is independent of any other educational institution	NA	NA	10%
Don't know	NA	NA	1%

*NOTE: There is no Question 18.

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q19. Currently, are you a member of a teachers' union or not?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Yes	NA	60%	NA
No	NA	38%	NA
Don't know	NA	2%	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	-	NA

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

Q20. Currently, are you teaching students...

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Entirely online	NA	40%	NA
Entirely in-person	NA	17%	NA
A mix of online and in-person	NA	43%	NA
Don't know	NA	-	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	-	NA

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

TEACH2. What grade do you currently teach? Select all that apply.

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Kindergarten	NA	16%	NA
Grade 1	NA	13%	NA
Grade 2	NA	14%	NA
Grade 3	NA	14%	NA
Grade 4	NA	16%	NA
Grade 5	NA	15%	NA
Grade 6	NA	16%	NA
Grade 7	NA	21%	NA
Grade 8	NA	22%	NA
Grade 9	NA	24%	NA
Grade 10	NA	26%	NA
Grade 11	NA	27%	NA
Grade 12	NA	27%	NA
Don't know	NA	-	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	*	NA

Show if currently employed as a teacher in a K-12 school.

TEACH4. How many years have you been a teacher?

	Total	Teachers	Parents
This is my first year	NA	3%	NA
1-5 years	NA	16%	NA
6-10 years	NA	24%	NA
11-20 years	NA	33%	NA
21-30 years	NA	19%	NA
More than 30 years	NA	5%	NA
Don't know	NA	-	NA
SKIPPED/REFUSED	NA	-	NA

Age

	Total	Teachers	Parents
18-24	12%	2%	5%
25-34	18%	26%	24%
35-44	17%	29%	37%
45-54	14%	27%	19%
55-64	18%	12%	10%
65-74	15%	3%	4%
75+	7%	*	-
Under 18	-	-	-

Region

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Northeast	17%	19%	16%
Midwest	21%	23%	20%
South	38%	34%	39%
West	24%	23%	24%

Gender

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Unknown	-	-	-
Male	49%	24%	44%
Female	51%	76%	56%

Race/Ethnicity

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Non-Hispanic white	63%	79%	53%
Non-Hispanic Black	12%	7%	16%
Hispanic	17%	9%	22%
Other	9%	5%	9%

Education

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Less than HS	10%	*	12%
HS graduate	28%	1%	23%
Vocational/tech school/some college/ associates	28%	2%	32%
Bachelor's degree	19%	39%	21%
Post grad study/professional degree	16%	58%	13%

Employment

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Working - as a paid employee	51%	97%	57%
Working - self-employed	9%	1%	9%
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	2%	-	2%
Not working – looking for work	6%	-	6%
Not working – retired	18%	-	5%
Not working – disabled	4%	-	3%
Not working - other	10%	1%	17%

Income

	Total	Teachers	Parents
Under \$50K	44%	16%	45%
\$50k to \$100k	35%	48%	33%
More than \$100k	22%	36%	22%